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12/31/97), July Quarterly (4/1/98-6/30/98)
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Pre-General (10/1/98-10/14/98), and 30 Day
Post-General (10/15/98-11/23/98) Reports

Dear Mr. Ragan:

On behalf of William Clifford Smith, Treasurer, The Billy Tauzin Congressional Committee, 550 South Van, Houma, Louisiana, and Wilbert J. "Billy" Tauzin, II, Candidate for Congress from Louisiana's Third Congressional District in the 1998 primary and general elections, this will respond to your letter of April 2, 1999.

Your statement "Since the state of Louisiana did not hold a runoff election (which is considered the general election) for 1998. . ." is incorrect.

The misunderstanding relative to the Tauzin Committee Reports apparently arises from the fact that either you, or FEC Counsel, is not aware of the United States Supreme Court decision in Love v. Foster, No. 96-670, 118 S.Ct. 464 (1997), which struck down a portion of LSA-RS 18:511A, Louisiana Revised Statute, as it applied to members of the U.S. Congress/Senate.

On remand from the U.S. Supreme Court, the Federal District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, the Honorable Frank J. Polozola presiding, ruled that November 3, 1998 would constitute the primary election and the general election would be held (and was held) subsequently on December 5, 1998 for all Louisiana Congressional and Senatorial candidates in 1998. The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals subsequently upheld the District Court's fixing of the Primary and